

Maritime Farmer.

Fredericton, N. B., April 20, 1887.

Opening of Parliament.

The first session of the new Dominion Parliament was opened last Thursday with the usual ceremony. The first business was the election of a Speaker, a position which fell to Col. Oulmet, M. P., for Laval, Quebec.

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Another Little Dodger.

It will be remembered that when John Woodward was giving his evidence against Mr. Temple in the County Court on the 16th of February last, so great was the outburst of popular execration at the cold-blooded treachery exhibited, that Mr. Gregory's supporters became seriously alarmed lest their candidate should be buried beneath the avalanche of public indignation which had overwhelmed his covering witness.

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Contempt of Court.

Mr. Ellis, the patriarchal editor of the Globe and Deacon McConnell, the sanctified exhorter who runs the Transcript, have been summoned to appear in court for contempt of court.

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GENERAL NEWS BUDGET.

The Doings of the Week-Continued Chronologically. Montreal is to have an elevated railway. The Irish emigration to the United States is now enormous.

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The Amer of Afghanistan is threatening the troops at Herat fearing a sudden Russian attack. The Sultan of Morocco has issued a decree excluding all forms of American tobacco from his territory.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Newspaper Notes and Notions of Everything. A wick in time strengthens the soda water. A new Russian loan of \$75,000,000 is looked for.

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